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Australia-India education, skills conference begins

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BLU&BCT)- An EduSkill Conference-2023 began this morning at Vijnana Bhavan, University of Mysore (UoM), hosted by Australia New Zealand India Business Chamber (ANZIBC) and Excelsoft Technologies, in collaboration with the University of Mysore.

With the theme 'Education, Skill Development, and Ed-Tech – the Evolving New Triangle of Opportunities,' the conference draws the participation of a distinguished Australian education and skill development delegation, with over 20 members from ANZIBC in attendance.

UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath inaugurated the conference. Santhosh Karnananda, Director - Education South Asia, Australian Trade and Investment Commission, D. Sudhanva, MD and CEO of Excelsoft Technologies, Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Chairman, Education Committee, ANZIBC, P. Santhosh, MD & CEO, ANZ India Business Chamber, Sanjeev Gupta, CEO, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) and others were present.

(See CONFERENCE on page 9)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 4th November 2023

MDJA to fete award-winning journalists on Nov.8

Mysuru, Nov.4- Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) has organised a programme at its premises on Thyagaraja Road in city on Nov. 8 at 11 am to felicitate journalists, who have recently received State and District Rajyotsava Awards, Hon. Doctorate degree and present Endowment Awards.

Yeshwanthpur MLA and former District Minister S.T. Somashekar will confer the awards. Former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and Resident Editor of *Vijaya Karnataka*, Mysuru, Ithichanda Ramesh Uthappa will be the chief guests. MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar will preside.

Star of Mysore and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, who received Honorary Doctorate degree from University of Mysore recently, will be honoured.

On the occasion, senior journalist Rajkumar Bhavasar will be presented Niranjan Nikam Endowment Award while senior Press Photographer M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav of *Star of Mysore*, will receive Netraraju Endowment Award.

Also, State Rajyotsava awardee and Newspaper Distributor Javarappa, District Rajyotsava awardees Nagesh Panathale *(Vijaya Karnataka)*, Doddanahundi Rajanna *(Vijayavani)*, S. Udayshankar *(The New Indian Express)*, Suttur Nanjunda Nayaka (Senior Press Photographer) and Mahesh Kebbepura *(Indian TV);* Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar awardees K.B. Ramesh Nayaka *(Andolana)*, K.P. Nagaraj *(Public TV)* and Muguru Nanjundaswamy (Editor of *Kannada Belaku* Weekly) will be felicitated.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

For over a month now, children in 65,000 Anganwadis in Karnataka have been denied eggs, which is their major source of nutrition, due to budgetary constraints. The Karnataka Cooperative Poultry Federation, which is charged with supplying the eggs, has discontinued the supply citing the high cost of eggs. According to Federation President D.K. Kantaraj, the rising price of eggs and the increasing cost of transportation had led to huge losses and the government had failed to respond to the request to revise procurement rates. Apparently, those who won the tender had to suffer losses as they had to pay the difference in price from their own pockets. Anganwadi workers have now been instructed by officers of the Department of Women and Child Development to procure eggs locally, but they have not been able to do much in the absence of an official order or any clarity on reimbursement of the expense. The government is required to supply eggs two times a week to children in the 0-6 years age group and for five days a week to moderately underweight children in the backward districts of Raichur, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal and Yadgir. Eggs were introduced in the diet after several studies had flagged the malnutrition among children in Karnataka, especially in rural areas. A government study had found a significant reduction in malnutrition in the State's most impoverished district, Yadgir, after the introduction of eggs in the mid-day meal scheme.

Admittedly, the Siddharamaiah-led Congress government is finding it difficult to make both ends meet, having presented a Rs. 12,000-crore revenue deficit budget to fund the various promises made by the party during the elections, but the disruption in the supply of eggs had occurred during the previous BJP regime, too. Poor children do not appear to be the priority of any government. *— In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Light exosuit that helps people sprint faster

Seoul: Scientists at South Korea's Chung-Ang University have created an ultra-light exosuit that can help runners cover short distances faster.

They may not be mainstream yet, but exoskeletons have been a part of our world for a while now. But wearable technology that helps people run faster has been pretty rare, especially in the super-light form recently presented by scientists at Chung-Ang University's School of Mechanical Engineering in South Korea. They created a contraption that only weighs around 2.5 kg (5.5lbs) but can help the average person run a 200-meter sprint almost a second faster than without the suit.

Cardboard dioramas that doubles as detailed portraits

Tokyo: Kuronushi is a young Japanese artist who specialises in shadow art. He puts together hundreds of pieces of cardboard that, when viewed from different angles, project detailed shadows.

Kuronushi's creations are on another level. He glues together hundreds of pieces of cardboard to create themed dioramas that project a shadow artwork when light is cast on them from a certain angle, but there is actually more to these rudimentary-looking cardboard installations. When Kuronushi turns his little dioramas, the shadows they cast change into related portraits.

For example, for a scene inspired by the Wizarding World of Harry Potter featuring a broom-riding Hogwarts student and a half-moon, the installation also casts a detailed portrait of Harry Potter himself when seen from a certain angle.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Urinary tract infection is second most common infection in human body after respiratory tract infection.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Talk on 'Legal Entitlements of Senior Citizens' on Nov. 6

Mysuru, Nov. 4-As part of its monthly advisory talk for senior citizens, the Elder Citizens Council, Hospital Road, Jayalakshmipuram, has arranged a lecture on 'Legal Entitlements of Senior Citizens" on Monday (Nov.6) at 5 pm at its Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavana.

M. Lokesh, an eminent lawyer of Mysuru, will address the audience on the above subject. Lokesh is presently working in Mahajana Law College as Law Professor and is well-versed in Labour Law, Criminal procedure codes and others.

Dr. H.M. Nagaraj, President of the Council, will preside, according to a press release from K.S. Krishna, Secretary, Elder Citizens Council.

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REALLY...?

- ***Pomegranates are one of the world's oldest cultivated fruits. Thought to have originated in Persia, they were taken to the Mediterranean, Africa, Afghanistan and China, gaining in popularity along the way. Introduced by Spanish missionaries to California in the 17-hundreds, they now produce 90 percent of pomegranates in the United States.***
- ***Apples have been grown for thousands of years. It was well known to Ancient China and Egypt. Apples were also known to the Greeks and Romans and they were popular through all the centuries to the present day.***
- ***It is not known for certain where onions come from but it was probably Asia. Onions were one of the first vegetables grown by people. They were eaten by the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans. During the Middle Ages, onions were one of the staple foods of people in Europe.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

"Hello, Mulla. I have not seen you for a month. How are things going with you?"

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"So I heard. As a matter of fact. I knew your wife before you married her."

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VOICE OF THE READER

Plea to supply water regularly

Sir,

For the past two months, water is not being supplied properly to our area (Ward No. 48, Preethi Layout, Srirampura 2nd Stage). We complained about this issue to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) but no action was taken. Water Inspectors are also negligent about this matter.

We even complained to the area Corporator and for some days there was proper supply of water but again the problem started. Even the Water Tankers mafia is going on in the area.

In spite of giving numerous complaints about this problem, no action is taken by the concerned. Though we pay our taxes to the civic body regularly every year without any delay, the residents are a neglected lot.

—C.G. Aravind
Srirampura 2nd Stage
28.10.2023

Kannada proverbs contest

Mysuru, Nov. 4- As part of Kannada Rajyotsava, Hithyshi Charitable Trust is conducting a competition for people of all age groups — 'Write more Kannada Proverbs in Kannada and win Smart Watch' — on Nov. 12 at 11 am in the Trust premises at #1126, Geetha Road, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru-5. For registration and details, those interested may contact Mob: 99458-10480 or 83108-34636.

Annual General Body meeting

Mysuru, Nov. 4 - The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of JSS Hostels Alumni Association will take place at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Vidyarthi Nilaya located on Maruti Temple road, Gangothri Layout, at 3 pm tomorrow. Association President L. Revannasiddaiah, a former DGP, will preside.

Madras races cancelled

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The Stewards of the Madras Race Club have decided to cancel the races scheduled on Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 due to incessant rains and track being not conducive for racing.

The Deepak Khaitan Memorial Guindy Gold Cup (Grade III) race has been postponed to Nov. 11, 2023 with the same acceptors and fresh declarations, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Appointment and Admissions

City's KSGH Music and Performing Arts University has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as Guest lecturers to teach the students of BPA Graduate and MPA Post-Graduate courses. Applicants should have passed NET, K-SET exam in Dance (Bharatanatyam and Kathak), Hindusthani Music, Veena, Mridanga, Tabla, Kannada, Sanskrit or English. The last date for applying is Nov. 11.

The University has also invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to MPA, D.Litt and Ph.D courses of the University. Admission will be based on an entrance test. The last date for admission along with a penalty of Rs. 200 is Nov. 15. For details, call Ph: 0821-2402114 or Mob: 94801-50826. University website: ***https://musicuniversity.ac.in***

Calling minority community students

Minorities Welfare Department has invited online applications from eligible minority community students who are undergoing higher education in Foreign Universities, for availing student scholarship. The Minority community students (Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh and Parsi) should be domiciled in Karnataka and the age should not exceed 38 years. The application can be submitted in the portal: ***http://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in/sevasindhu/departmentservices***. Last date for applying is Nov. 30. For details, visit the Department office or contact Mob: 82777-99990.

Coaching class

Netaji Education Foundation will be conducting coaching class for the written exam for recruitment of Commercial Tax Inspector posts in Karnataka Government, at its premises located on Krishna Vilas Road, Opposite Avila Convent (near Jaganmohan Palace), Devaraja Mohalla. For details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

Applications invited

Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has invited applications from eligible differently abled students, who are undergoing higher education and Technical education, for reimbursement of fees. The prescribed application forms can be obtained from the Department office located in Tilaknagar of the city and the same should be returned along with all required documents before Nov. 29. [Ph: 0821-2490333]

62nd National Pharmacy Week at JSS College of Pharmacy

India showed its Pharma feat during COVID-19: Dr. Selvaraj

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (RK&BS)- Dr. G. Selvaraj, former Director of Drugs Control, Tamil Nadu, said: "India has made significant strides in pharmaceutical industry, thus catapulting the country to the third position in pharmacy sector."

Speaking after inaugurating 62nd National Pharmacy Week celebrations organised by Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA), Mysuru Local Branch, in association with JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, on the theme 'Join Pharmacists to ensure patient safety,' at the College premises in Shivarathreeshwara Nagar here yesterday, Dr. Selvaraj said: "It is due to considerable progress made by our country in pharmacy sector that we were able to record many innovations during COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccine against COVID was developed and was even exported to other countries."

Dr. G. Selvaraj, former Director of Drugs Control, Tamil Nadu *(third from right)* ***unveiling the trophies at the 62nd National Pharmacy Week celebrations in city yesterday as*** *(from left)* ***Dr. B.M. Gurupadayya, Dr. S. Meghana, Dr. R.S. Chandan, Dr. S. Preethi, Dr. M. Manjunatha, Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Dr. Nisar Ahmed and Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi look on.***

True to the theme of 62nd National Pharmacy Week celebrations, the pharma sector should work in tandem with sellers, medical representatives, drug manufacturers, quality assurance and control cell, hospital and the community, Dr. Selvaraj added.

In the wake of several instances of patients losing their lives due to adverse effect of consuming drugs, we should take utmost precautions to ensure patient safety, he said.

Earlier, Dr. Selvaraj unveiled the trophies to be distributed as part of National Pharmacy Week celebrations.

Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Principal of JSS College of Pharmacy and also the President of IPA Mysuru branch, Dr. M. Manjunatha, Principal of Cauvery College of Pharmacy and Vice-President of IPA Mysuru, Dr. Nisar Ahmed, Principal of Farooqia College of Pharmacy, Dr. Hanumanthachar, Principal of Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy, Dr. B.M. Gurupadayya, Treasurer, IPA Mysuru, Dr. R.S. Chandan, Hon. Secretary, IPA Mysuru, lecturers Dr. S. Meghana and Dr. S. Preethi were present on the occasion.

'Kannada Ratha' rolls out on city roads

KSRTC Vijayanagar Bus Depot employees' love for Kannada lauded

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (SBD&BS)- On account of Kannada Rajyotsava, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) employees, decorate a city bus like 'Kannada Ratha' every year only to spread their love for Kannada.

Route No. 119 (KA-09-F-5049) belonging to Vijayanagar Depot, KSRTC Mysuru Division, is adorned with flowers of myriad hues like chrysanthemum and rose, banana plants and the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, along with the portrait of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari, mounted on a pedestal in the shape of Karnataka map. A replica of Gandabherunda (royal insignia of Wadiyars, the erstwhile rulers of princely Mysore State), flower pots and Kannada flag on either side are the added attractions, resembling a tableau.

Upon boarding the bus, passengers will find Kannada all over, with the portraits of Jnanpith awardees, poets, littérateurs and popular tourist spots of the State. The bus is also illuminated with colourful lights. While the popular songs in Kannada were played in the bus on Rajyotsava day, the other decorations like that of photos, idol and flowers will be removed in two days. The photos of littérateurs and popular tourist spots will remain intact.

Starting from City Bus Stand, the bus covers Gokulam, L&T and Infosys route, making it a joyous experience among passengers too, who are lauding KSRTC employees for their love for Kannada, especially for striving several hours only to decorate the bus.

Kannada Ene Kunidaduvudennede, Kannada Ene Kivi Nimiruvudu... this line by poet laureate Kuvempu may have been inspired from fellow Kannadigas. This assumes significance as bus conductor Srinivas, driver S. Mahadevu, in cooperation with their colleagues and Officers made this possible. KSRTC Vijayanagar Depot Manager Sumalatha, driver Ramesh, technical staff Y.E. Manjunath, who is also the Kannada Kriya Samiti President, Traffic Controller Mahesh and other colleagues of the depot have also extended their co-operation. Kannada Ratha of KSRTC Vijayanagar Depot has a decade-long history, with the tradition of decorating any one bus as 'Kannada Ratha' still in practice. Conductor Srinivas and driver Mahadevu have taken the lead of carrying forward the tradition from the last four years.

Srinivas told *SOM*, "Earlier under the leadership of Hinkal Jagadish we used to celebrate Kannada Rajyotsava by decorating the bus for 10 years. After his retirement, we have continued the tradition, with the cooperation of all."

Divisional Controller of KSRTC Mysuru Division Srinivas, who was also equally happy on seeing the decoration, took a photo along with the bus.

Ryots plan stir near CM's house

Chamarajanagar, Nov. 4 (BS)- State Sugarcane Growers Association has decided to stage a protest in front of the house of Chief Minister (CM) Siddharamaiah in Mysuru on Nov. 9, for the failure of Congress Government to fulfil the demands of farmers.

Working President of the Association Hallikerehundi Bhagyaraj, who addressed the meeting of farmers at the meeting convened at Tourist Bungalow in the town yesterday, said: "The State Government has totally failed in ensuring that the sugarcane growers of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts get their dues from sugar factories, which has accumulated beyond Rs. 25 crore."

Urging for fulfilment of various demands including the waiving of loans advanced by Primary Agriculture Credit Cooperative Society, in drought hit districts, the indefinite protest has been planned in front of CM's house in Mysuru.

S.M. Krishna bats for merit-based leadership than caste-based CM

S.M. Krishna

Maddur, Nov. 4 (BCT)- Distinguished personality and former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna articulated his views on the selection of Chief Ministers and the challenges confronting democracy. He voiced his apprehensions about the practice of appointing CMs based on caste considerations, contending that such a practice undermines democratic principles and equality. Instead, he emphasised the imperative of selecting Chief Ministers based on their qualifications, accomplishments, dedication to social justice and unwavering commitment to the principles of justice.

Krishna addressed a gathering of supporters and the public at a private event held at a hotel in Maddur yesterday during which he underscored that aspiring to a five-year term as the Chief Minister is not a desirable goal and should not be the primary focus. He stated, "Leadership should be decided on the possession of the right attributes and merit rather than one's caste background. A more inclusive and merit-based approach to political leadership is the need of the hour."

Krishna also delved into the issue of corruption, highlighting its potential to erode the foundation of democracy. He stressed the significance of upholding integrity not only in those who hold political office but also in those who engage with the political process. He recognised that the future of democracy hinges on the purity of intentions among all stakeholders.

Krishna also disclosed his decision to refrain from actively endorsing or involving his family members in politics or the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. "My children are pursuing their own interests and I have no intention of compelling them to enter politics. I firmly believe that individuals should enter the political arena driven by their personal determination and commitment rather than external pressure," he added.

With his retirement from active politics, Krishna made it unequivocally clear that he has no intent of participating in the campaign for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, underscoring his disinterest in political engagement.

'Release 2,600 cusecs of water daily from Nov. 1 to 23 to TN'

Bengaluru, Nov. 4 (BS)- Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) yesterday ordered the State Government to release water to Tamil Nadu again, upholding the order of Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) issued on Monday (Oct. 30).

According to the latest order, Karnataka should release 2,600 cusecs of water daily from Nov.1 to 23. Prior to this, Officers from the State, who appeared before CWMA, had taken exception to the order of CWRC and argued against releasing the water, citing non-availability of adequate quantity of water. The Officers had contended that "Combining the storage of all reservoirs in the State, only 51 tmcft of water is available, which may even lead to drinking water crisis if the available water is not stored. Besides, the Officers impressed upon CWRC to give its consent for discussion on proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir project near Kanakapura in Ramanagara.

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Big-Tech show concludes with a promising growth trajectory

Mysuru's rise as a burgeoning technology cluster highlighted

'Preferential Public Procurement Policy' to support startups with unique Intellectual Property: Priyank Kharge

Minister for Information Technology and Biotechnology Priyank Kharge presenting a memento to Savitha Mallappa, CEO and co-founder, rProcess Outsourcing Services Pvt. Ltd., at Big-Tech show held in city last evening as Dr. Ekroop Kaur, Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT&BT, Science and Technology; B.V. Naidu, Chairman, KDEM; Sanjeev Gupta, CEO; Sudhanva Dhananjaya, Founder and CEO, Excelsoft Technologies and others look on.

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BCT)- Minister for Information Technology and Biotechnology Priyank Kharge announced that the Government will introduce a 'Preferential Public Procurement Policy' to support startups with unique Intellectual property (IP) registered with the State Startup Cell and engaged in 'Beyond Bengaluru' initiatives.

This policy will ensure that products and services with unique IP can be procured by the Government, the Minister noted while speaking at the valedictory of the Big-Tech show on 'Mysuru: The New Tech Hub on the Global Map', an initiative of Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), last evening at Infosys Mysuru.

"Mysuru has always been blessed with visionary administrators and its entrepreneurial spirit thrives at various levels. Long before the 'Made in India' and 'Make in India' movements, Karnataka was already championing 'Vocal for Local', he noted.

"We recognise the demand for skilled talent, both in India and globally. The Government is committed to skill development, ensuring that Karnataka caters to the world. We have established a Skill Advisory Council for emerging technologies and we will deliver the skill sets that the globe requires," he said.

"We have dedicated Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in IoT, cybersecurity, data science, AI, semiconductor fab, aerospace, robotics and animation. By the end of this financial year, we will have more CoEs in fintech, manufacturing, wireless products, gaming, health science, med tech, fintech and biotech accelerator, all led by industry experts, nurturing inventions and innovations," the Minister claimed.

Global innovation alliance

Priyank Kharge said the Government had embarked upon creating a global innovation alliance involving nearly 50 countries so as to tie up with them in niche areas which will also give them a market to India besides resulting in the exchange of ideas and technology.

In addition, the State as a policy was striving to create a more conducive environment with additional incentives and subsidies to help industries establish bases outside Bengaluru and go beyond it to tier 2 and 3 cities.

KDEM Chairman B.V. Naidu said that it is exciting to witness Mysuru's rise as a burgeoning tech cluster, taking a pioneering role in this journey. With renowned companies like Hinduja and IBM present, Mysuru stands out as a city that strikes a harmonious balance between technology and electronics.

"Notably, over 10 distinguished firms have expressed interest in being part of this transformation. Lahari is indeed a unique testing centre in India, contributing to the city's technological prowess. Mysuru's share of Rs. 2,000 crore in Defence further underscores its growing significance. With Bengaluru reaching a staggering 350 billion dollars, Mysuru holds immense potential for achieving equitable and sustainable growth. The city's trajectory is truly promising," he noted.

The event also witnessed the exchange of MoUs with the Government for a Regional Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence, Valliappa Foundation, Cyber Range and Startup Payanam.

H.V. Darshan, Director, Department of Electronics, IT&BT was also present.

'Mysuru Blue' – Top 3 fundable startups from Mysuru cluster announced

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BCT)- The top three 'Fundable Startups' of this year's 'Mysuru Blue' were announced at the valedictory event of the Big Tech Show last evening. The event, in its second edition beyond Bengaluru, was organised at SJCE STEP.

The 'Mysuru Blue' event is an initiative by the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to give startups in clusters a fair chance to showcase and pitch their startups to venture capitalists, angel investors and industry leaders. It is aimed to connect startups from clusters beyond Bengaluru with potential investors, ensuring equitable access to capital and fostering innovation in emerging clusters.

The top three fundable startups from Mysuru are— Briezi Insuretech Pvt. Ltd., InTheLOOP Labs Pvt. Ltd. and Broomstick Cleantech LLP.

The event witnessed 45 registrations from Mysuru startups and after a preliminary screening process, 15 local startups and three student teams passionately presented their ideas to potential investors, urging them to provide the essential capital needed to bring their innovative concepts to life.

The other Mysuru startups who pitched are— Beyond Brain Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Bharath Mills, Contents Dynamics, Elint Labs Private Limited, Grytbite, HGSOLTEC Private Limited, Jagruth Tech Private Limited (makers of interlock and pavers out of plastic waste), NBNB Tech Private Limited, Proyava Innovations, Sapientury, SportiWe and Vuon Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

KDEM, along with its industry partners, assessed the startups based on criteria such as team experience, market potential, product innovation, social impact and their unique selling proposition (USP). KDEM onboarded several prominent venture capitalists and accelerators who served as the Grand Jury for the final evaluation.

The top three startups have secured coveted All-Access Passes to The Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2023, scheduled from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. The fund-ready startups will participate in exclusive investor meetings at upcoming events organised by KDEM and have also been awarded complimentary booths at BTS 2023.

Sanjeev Gupta, CEO of KDEM said that the 'Mysuru Blue' initiative is more than just an event; it's a bridge that connects the dreams and ambitions of startups in emerging clusters with the opportunities and resources they need to succeed.

KDEM ensures that every startup gets a fair chance to thrive. Ensuring year-on-year success and growth impact from these clusters is our goal, he added.

Leopard scare at Ramabainagar

Forest men conduct combing operation

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (MTY&BS)-Following the complaints of frequent leopard movement at Ramabainagar in the city, Forest Department personnel, along with Leopard Task Force (LTF), conducted a combing operation in the locality on Thursday night (Nov. 2).

The locals are learnt to have sighted the feline during evening hours. They immediately alerted Forest officials in this regard. Acting swiftly, the personnel and LTF were dispatched to the spot. The combing operation was conducted near the spot where the feline was sighted, stretching up to the surroundings, but to no avail. That apart, two Forest personnel were deployed in the locality, who also couldn't spot the leopard.

On Friday morning, the Forest men also verified the footages of CCTV cameras installed in front of the houses and shops, but there was no trace of leopard. Following this, combing operation was stopped and a beat was conducted. The locals were told to inform Forest Department if the leopard was sighted again, besides taking utmost precautions while moving out of the house during early morning and evening hours.

Bodies of two women, who died in Chittoor accident, brought to Mysuru

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The bodies of two women of Mysuru, who were killed in a road accident near Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh, were brought to Mysuru on Friday night.

Three women were killed when the car they were travelling met with a road accident near Chittoor on Thursday, while the car driver Shivakumar, who sustained serious injuries, is being treated in a Chittoor Hospital. The women were returning to Mysuru after visiting Tirupati Temple.

The deceased women were identified as M.R. Jayalakshmi (65), a retired Nurse of Government Ayurveda Hospital of the city and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar I-Block, Sujatha, a close relative of Jayalakshmi and Vrunda, who resided near Jayalakshmi's house. While the bodies of Jayalakshmi and Sujatha were brought to Mysuru, the body of Vrunda was sent to her native place in Udupi district, it is learnt.

The last rites of M.R. Jayalakshmi and Sujatha would be conducted today in Mysuru, according to family sources.

Head Constable Madhavan Jetti passes away

Mysuru, Nov. 4- R. Madhavan Jetti (59), a Police Head Constable, who was serving in the City Special Branch (CSB) attached to the Mysuru Police Commissionerate, passed away here yesterday morning following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife Sujatha, sons Supreeth and Benaka and a host of relatives and friends.

Madhavan Jetti

Last rites were conducted with Police honours at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday evening, according to family sources. Madhavan Jetti had served in Devaraja, Lashkar, Nazarbad and other Police Stations of the city before being posted to the CSB. He was due to retire in three months, it is learnt.

Obituary

Mir Nafees Hussain

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Mir Nafees Hussain (58), a Handicrafts trader and a resident of Bannimantap in the city, passed away here yesterday following brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was performed today at Masjid-e-Jaffery, Akbar Road Cross, Lashkar Mohalla, following which burial took place at Muslim Burial Ground near Tipu Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, according to family sources.

Lokayukta to receive complaints on Nov. 8

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The Karnataka Lokayukta Police will receive complaints from the public regarding undue delay in official works, demand for bribe etc., on Nov. 8. According to the schedule, the Lokayukta Police will receive public complaints in Form 1 and 2 formats on Nov. 8 (11 am to 1 pm) at PWD Guest House, Sargur in Mysuru district, at Traveller's Bungalow (TB) in Hanur of Chamarajanagar district and at Virajpet taluk office in Kodagu district.

Admission to Post-Matric Hostels

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Minorities Welfare Department has invited applications from minority community students for admission to Post-Matric Hostels (boys and girls) run by the Department.

Application forms can be submitted online through website ***http://shp.karnataka.gov.in***

Last date to apply is Dec. 15. For details, visit the Department Office or call Ph: 0821-2422088.

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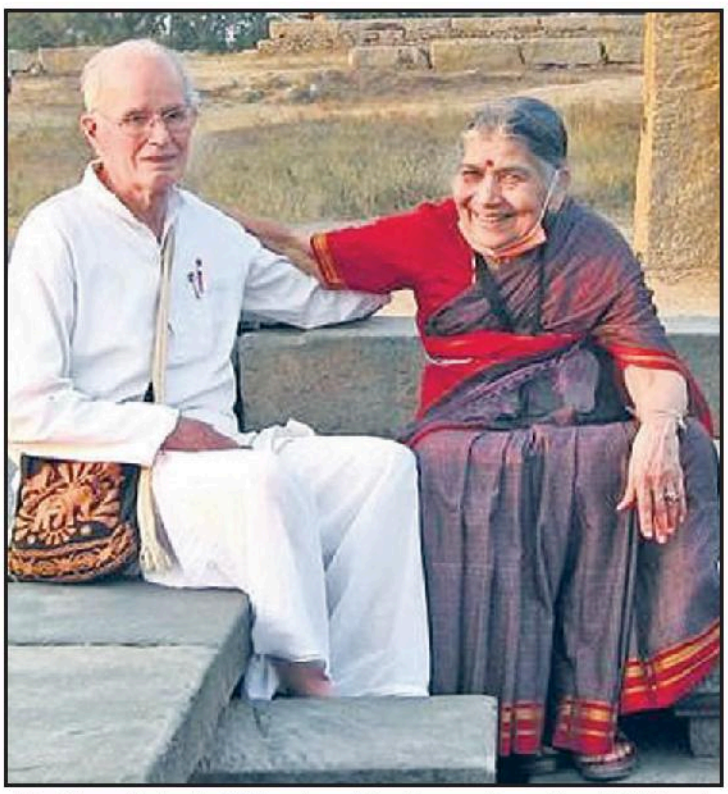
Extraordinary couple, custodians of Hindu culture

Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat and Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat

Shree Vanamali Samskruti Seva Award, instituted by Shree Vanamali Charitable Trust, Mysuru, would be awarded to the well-known Sanskrit Scholar Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat and his wife Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat, a noted Art Historian and Epigraphist, tomorrow at 10.30 am at Veene Seshanna Bhavan of Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar in city.

On this occasion, here we reproduce excerpts from an article by Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat we had published in *Star of Mysore* dated July 28, 2021, under the title "Study of Epigraphy: An appeal to Government of India." — Ed



Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat and Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat

I was shocked to read the news item titled ***"Epigraphists Join Nationwide Stir"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated 15th July 2021. Epigraphists were manifesting their colère because Government of India was diverting the subject of Epigraphy to other fields like Horticulture etc.

It is well-known all over the world that India is one of the richest countries in the field of Epigraphy. **That which is written on stones, imperishable materials like metal plates is called Epigraphy.** By and large, inscriptions are in temples. Each temple had its own reader, he or she would explain the facts recorded in charters. In this way, historical facts were publicised, popularised. Besides, every temple had its own archive. Victim of the time, the temple archives have been lost. To the good luck of the researchers and historians, somehow or the other a good number of inscriptions have survived in temples.

The art of writing on stones and other materials started in India, as per the present day research, from the times of King Ashoka of Maurya dynasty, 3rd century BCE. (The antiquity of Indian writing will go back to still earlier date, the day Harappa and Mohenjodaro seals are deciphered.) Ashokan inscriptions are in **Brahmi script** and the **language is Prakrit.** This script is at the origin of not only all Indian writings but also in those of South East countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia etc.

Originating from Brahmi letters, each region developed its own alphabets yet following the rules of grammar prescribed by **Paṇini.** The speciality of our Indian writing is that each vowel has a particular sign and when added to the consonant it gives the desired *nāda*, "sound". In English when "ut" is added to P or B the pronunciation is not the same. In the Indian writing this problem does not arise. That makes the reading easy and sweetened sounds.

Palaeographers have prepared charts to show the development letters century by century and pointed out how the Brahmi script of Ashokan times underwent changes. It is universally accepted that the "Inscriptions are the official and contemporaneous documents issued by kings, officers and other philanthropists. These inscriptions provide first-hand information for rewriting the history of its country. These records can be classified in different categories such as benevolent grants, memorial stones etc.

Memorial stones

By and large, the date, name of the ruler, the occasion for making the grant, details of donation are the main matters of each Epigraph. Memorial stones can be divided in two groups, namely Hero stones and Sati stones. Hero stones, while recording the death of a hero, mention the date and the occasion of the event too. Many a times while recording the purport of the conflict, name of the ruling king, date and the purport of the conflict etc., are mentioned. Heroes who died in combat are taken to heaven by celestial nymphs and pass through the disc of the sun. So they have no rebirth. Often the wives of heroes have courageously sacrificed their lives by jumping in the funeral pyre of their defunct husband. These ladies are worshipped as Goddesses.

Sacrificed Sati images are also carved on stones. They are portrayed with raising the right hand holding sometimes a lemon or a mirror signifying that she was not a widow. All these facts are beautifully depicted in image and many a times accompanied by a brief text on stone.

The study of Epigraphs helps to determine the date of kings, extension of their territories, political, social, religious and economic conditions of the selected period. Inscriptions are like oceans. At every reading, new facts come to light like a hidden treasure in the ocean. There were poets/learned savants to draft the text, scribes to write it on stones and sculptors to incise the letters. Once the text is ready on the stone, there were readers to read/sing and explain them to the public. Thus the benevolent act of the mécène was publicised and popularised.

Decipherer of Ashokan inscriptions

In the beginning, a few European scholars in India were interested in the study of Epigraphs. **Although James Prinsep is honoured as the decipherer of Ashokan inscriptions,** he was helped by many Indian scholars like **R.G. Bhandarkar, Bhau Daji etc.,** as well as Eugène Burnouf, a French Indologist in Paris. As the interest in Epigraphy grew gradually, soon scholars like Kielhorn, Hultsch, L. Rice, **J.F. Fleet** and Indian scholars namely R.G. Bhandarkar, Bhau Daji, Gopinath Rao, B. Ch. Chhabra and many others embarked on to decipher inscriptions of different periods of different regions and published them with word by word translations, notes and comments in the early volumes of *Asiatic Researches*, *Indian Antiquary* and other journals and so on. In the field of Epigraphy, especially with regard to the inscriptions of Karnataka, Fleet's works hold a prominent place. He had published many Kannada and Sanskrit inscriptions.

Epigraphic service began to function regularly as part of **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** with its establishment in 1880 in Delhi. Soon branches of Epigraphy were opened in major States...

No Indian Epigraphists in France Academy

In Paris, France, there are five Academies and one of them is Académie des Inscriptions et des Belles Lettres. Most members of this Academy are Chartists. Now also there are members who are specialised in Armenian, Cuneiform tablettes of Iraq and Syria, Chinese. **But there is no Epigraphist for Indian inscriptions**. Prof. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat is the member of the Academie. But he is a Sanskritist. Yet time-to-time he speaks about Indian Epigraphy.

Why there are no Indian Epigraphists in the Academy in France? The reason is very simple. Study of Epigraphy had not received much attention in the Government of India and the Indian public. Only in the Universities, Epigraphy is taught. Some recognised institutions like Mythic Society, Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Karnataka History Academy are making efforts to promote the study of Epigraphy, Paleography, Sigillography etc. Every State must have one School, especially for the study of Epigraphy like Ecole Nationale de Chartes in France. The study of Epigraphy should be encouraged. Students must be prepared to read and interpret inscriptions to shed light on our Indian History. **For that, right from the School and High School-level they should be taught regional language through the centuries and Sanskrit...**

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Epigraphy throws new light on Vijayanagar empire

In yesterday's *Mysuru Mithra*, a sister publication of *Star of Mysore*, **Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao,** the renowned Sanskrit Scholar of our city and country, has written an article about this scholar couple which is a mirror to their scholarship about their study of the subject of **'Epigraphy and History.'**

The article mentions of an important revelation made by Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat in her English book *'Vijayanagar'* and in Kannada, titled *'Alidulida Hampi (The remains of Hampi).'* In that books she writes about a historical truth that many of us may not wish to hear or read for obvious reasons. She writes:

"... The dispute for the throne between Sadashivaraya and Tirumala wrought further degradation in state of affairs. In a fit of fury, they set ablaze each other's palaces and abandoned the capital forever. Thus, the incomplete devastation work of enemies was completed by the Hindus themselves and the glorious capital, whose fame spread far and wide, remained at the mercy of ferocious beasts, reptiles, treasure seekers and brigands."—Ed

Australia-India education, skills conference begins

Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore, inaugurating the education and skills conference at Vijnana Bhavan this morning as (from left) P. Santhosh, MD & CEO, ANZ India Business Chamber, Santhosh Karnananda, Director - Education South Asia, Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Sanjeev Gupta, CEO of Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Chairman, Education Committee, ANZIBC and H.M. Prashanth, Head - Corporate Strategy, Excelsoft Technologies look on.

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In his inaugural address, Prof. Lokanath highlighted Mysuru's emergence as an education and technology hub, progressing as a digital economy city. He praised companies like Excelsoft Technologies for laying the groundwork for Mysuru's development as a technology and cyber security hub.

Prof. Lokanath stressed that clear, industry-relevant pathways are key to empowering youth with practical and in-demand skills. He emphasised the importance of forging strong connections between educational institutions and employers through internships and apprenticeships to enhance youth employability and meet evolving job market needs.

The event's agenda includes informative sessions, a round table discussion and networking opportunities to delve into the ever-evolving landscape of education and skill development.

The conference serves as a platform for constructive dialogue and collaboration, with a central focus on education, skill development and the dynamic realm of EdTech in shaping future opportunities.

Following the opening session, technical segments are scheduled, addressing topics such as education without borders, a presentation on industry-academia engagement and the empowerment through skills. A round table presentation by Australian universities and networking sessions, including one-to-one meetings with Australian institutions, are also on the agenda.

MCC's final warning to cattle, pig rearers

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BS)-Cattle and pig rearers in Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) limits and outskirts, are letting loose their cows and pigs on the roads and public places causing severe traffic hurdles, sometimes even ending up with fatal accidents.

The stray cattle and pigs have been crowding over the waste accumulated in the dustbins, while eating them, also causing environmental pollution. Apart from affecting public health, it will also spoil the hygienic environment. Despite issuing a warning on the back of a lengthy discussion, the pigs are still being let loose in public places.

It is imperative to restrain pigs in public places. Hence, a final warning is being issued to pig owners to tether their livestock including cows and pigs in their respective sheds, within one week from issuing the notification (Nov. 2). If the animals are found straying out in public places and roads, action will be taken to rein in them without any prior notice to its owners, according to a press release from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner.

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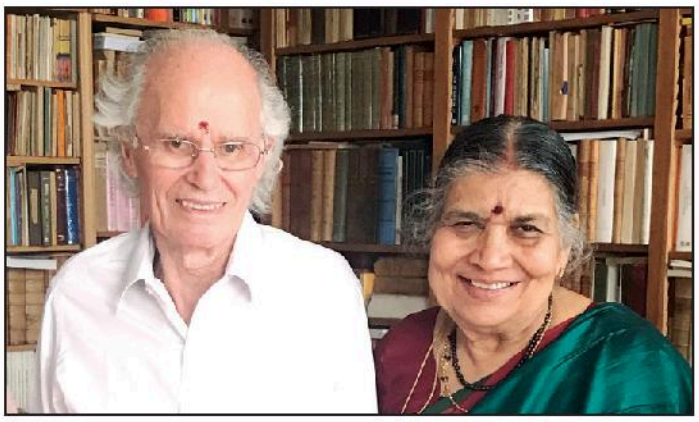
Sanskrit Scholar Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat - Epigraphist Dr. Vasundhara Filliozat and Founders of Sneha Foundation T. Ramanjaneya - K.P. Jaya



Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat and Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat.

T. Ramanjaneya and K.P. Jaya couple.

Mysuru, Nov. 4- Shree Vanamali Charitable Trust, Mysuru, established by Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurti in the year 2009, has organised its Annual Awards Ceremony for the year 2022-23 on Sunday (Nov. 5) at 10.30 am at Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar.

Art Historian and Epigraphist Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat and Sanskrit Scholar Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat couple will be conferred with 'Shree Vanamali Samskruti Seva Prashasthi' while T. Ramanjaneya and K.P. Jaya, Founder-couple of Sneha Foundation in Kudligi, Ballari District, which works for rehabilitation of girls rescued from Devadasi system, will be conferred with 'Padma Shri Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurti Samaja Seva Prashasthi.'

Well-known Sanskrit Scholar of Mysuru Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao will deliver the felicitation address.

Both the awards carry a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 each, Lord Sri Krishna Statuette, a citation along with other congratulatory bouquets. Renowned senior scholar *Nadoja* Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry will preside over the function.

About the Awardees

Born in 1940 at Haveri in Karnataka, **Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat** is the daughter of Chennabasavappa Kavali and youngest sister of renowned artist Dr. Vasant Kavali. Brought up in an environment soaked in Sanskrit and Kannada culture, she is a Historian of Art and an Epigraphist.

She works alternatively in India to explore the archaeological and literary past of her country and in France to encourage knowledge and appreciation of culture and civilisation of India in general and Karnataka in particular.

In 2002-2003, Rotary Mysore presented her a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her work for the betterment of country in the field of Archaeological Research on Temples and Epigraphy of Karnataka (Vijayanagar) Empire. Her works have been acknowledged in 2003 and honoured with the Award of the Government of Karnataka.

She was elected as President of the 22nd Congress of the Karnataka History Academy in 2008. The couple was honoured with 'Vidyaranya Prashasthi' by Himalaya Trust, Mysuru. She is the recipient of the title 'Itihasa Sanskritishri' by the Karnataka Itihasa Academy and 'Karnataka Kala Pravartaka' by the Namah Association, Chicago, USA. She has to her credit more than thirty books and numerous articles in Kannada, English and French.

Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat, born in 1936 in France, is the son of Dr. Jean Filliozat, Founder of French Institute on Indian Culture at Pondicherry. Filliozat studied classical languages in Paris and Vyakarana and Saivagama in Pondicherry. He has a Ph.D in Alankara Sastra.

Prof. Filliozat teaches Sanskrit in Paris and conducts researches in several fields of Indology, Sanskrit Grammar, Poetry and Poetics, History of Indian Mathematics, Tantra, especially the Sanskrit Saivagama literature and history of Indian Architecture. He has published many books and articles in French, English and Sanskrit on the Grammar of Panini, Sanskrit poetry, Saivagama, Temple Architecture in Karnataka etc.

He was conferred 'Maha-mahopadhyaya' honour by Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth in 2013. He is the recipient of the 'Certificate of Honour for Sanskrit' from the President of India in 2014.

Every year, in the month of June, since 2012 they conduct 'Sanskrit Day' in Paris, France successfully. Their contribution through dedicated work also is the main reason to announce Hampi as a 'World Heritage Centre' by UNESCO. Till today they are working on Karnataka temples and especially on those incredible edifices in North Karnataka. Apart from these they have interest in other forms of art and culture like Hindustani Music, Dance and Drama.

T. Ramanjaneya comes from a small village by name Gajjuganahalli of Challakere Taluk in Chitradurga District. He is the eldest of four children of a family whose parents were dwelling on daily wages.

A brilliant student, he had his primary education in his own village and went to study High School and College at Hirehalli in Challakere Taluk.

Though he had qualified for MBBS and BDS courses, he joined National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, to study Civil Engineering due to financial constraints.

He worked as a Tutor and an Accountant in the evening hours at a Mysuru-based NGO, ENEDSA for self support and completed his Civil Engineering with a distinction and University topper.

While continuing to work for the NGO, his concern for the socially suppressed and the downtrodden made him establish "Sneha," a self-help organisation. He was selected for the Fellowship of "Gandhi Shanthi Pratishtana" as he was naturally attracted to the Gandhian principles in his life.

In the initial 8-10 years, he actively worked for the development of establishing child development centres, night schools for education, rehabilitation schools for child labourers and also started health check up camps, self-help groups for women, awareness campaign for women development and conducted training on human rights.

He married **K.P. Jaya** after they worked together at a workshop in Chikkamagalur. Though it was an inter-caste marriage, they did not pay heed to the families objecting their marital accord as they both were engrossed in their public service.

The villagers fondly remember these couple for all the work they undertook, even walking 8-10 kms on a daily basis in the initial 5-6 years in their mission to educate and empower the socially oppressed class.

"Free-Devadasis" campaign

While travelling to different places like Kudligi, Hosapete in lorries, he witnessed the pain of young girls and ladies who were pushed into prostitution due to the prevalent "Devadasi" tradition followed in those parts of Karnataka. He delved deep to study this practice and understood their plight. He then thought about as to how to bring an end to this practice and in the year 2003 he began to organise programmes to educate the women and girls involved in the unfortunate loop of prostitution, in the fields of education, economic development etc.

Similarly in a "Free-Devadasis" campaign which he organised at Taluk, District and State-levels yielded results in stages with the Devadasi women getting a monthly livelihood amount of Rs. 1,500 (which was just Rs.400 then) per month from the State Government.

To date, due to his continuous struggle, brides and bridegrooms from Devadasi clan get an incentive of Rs.5,00,000 and Rs.3,00,000 towards their marriage from the Government of Karnataka.

In a gigantic effort, Ramanjaneya brought more than 11,000 teenage girls in the age group of 12-20 years under more than 450 "Kishori Sanghas" (Girls Group) from the districts of Ballari, Koppala, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Belagavi, Raichur, Gulbarga, Yadgir, Davanagere and Gadag of North Karnataka. These youngsters are educated on matters such as prevention from sexual harassment, oppression, child labour, child marriage and of becoming a Devadasi.

Not to get sidelined from getting proper education, more than 500 children from the Devadasi background are supported in their education. Currently, 52 children are doing MBBS, B.VSc, Nursing course and many other professional courses with the help of Ramanjaneya and Jaya couple.

More than 150 girl children are supported for their education in learning Fashion Designing, Tailoring and various office management courses in computers and in learning good communication skills.

Financial assistance is provided to 100-150 women annually to take up an economic activity of their choice every year and this programme is supervised and run by K.P. Jaya.

All the women from Devadasi clan wholeheartedly recall the help received during the toughest COVID-19 period.

Doordarshan "Chandana" TV Channel has bestowed T. Ramanjaneya with "Doordarshana Chandana Prashasti" in 2017, by recognising the couple's unflinching efforts towards the upliftment of Devadasi women and children.

Ramanjaneya and Jaya are fondly called as "Sneha Samsthe Ramanna" amongst the socially oppressed Devadasi women and their children.

Tragedy strikes Nepal as 6.4 magnitude quake kills 132

Kathmandu, Nov. 4 (Agencies)- A devastating magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck a remote region of Nepal late yesterday, claiming the lives of at least 132 people, with the death toll anticipated to rise as rescue and relief efforts continue. Over 140 people have been reported injured, and locals desperately search through rubble for survivors in the darkness of the night.

The earthquake, originating in the Jajarkot district, located approximately 227 kilometres north of Ayodhya and 331 kilometres west-northwest of Kathmandu, caused several houses to collapse or sustain damages. Survivors were left huddling outside their homes in fear, with emergency sirens wailing in the background. The tremors from the earthquake were felt as far away as New Delhi, over 500 kilometres distant.

Bihar's Disaster Management Department reported tremors in various districts along the India-Nepal border, including Patna, Katihar, East Champaran, Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, West Champaran, Sasaram, Nawada and others.

The National Centre for Seismology confirmed that the earthquake's epicenter was in Jajarkot district, with the worst damage reported in the western districts of Jajarkot and Rukum.

Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal, known as "Prachanda," expressed his condolences for the loss of life and the extensive infrastructural damage caused by the earthquake.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi also conveyed his deep sadness over the loss of lives and damage in Nepal. He offered India's solidarity with the people of Nepal and readiness to provide all possible assistance to the affected areas.

R.N. Kulkarni murder case: HC rejects bail plea of accused

Mysuru, Nov. 4- The Karnataka High Court has rejected the bail plea of both the accused in the murder of former Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer **R.N. Kulkarni** who was intentionally knocked down by a car driven by the accused in Manasagangothri campus, Mysuru in November last year, allegedly over a legal battle waged by the deceased against his neighbour for Building By-law violation.

The HC rejected the bail peas of the two accused Manu and his friend Varun on Oct.18, it is learnt. Earlier in March this year (2023), the Mysuru district Court had rejected the bail pleas of both the accused, following which the accused had moved the High Court seeking Bail.

Following a Court order, the MCC had issued final notice asking Kulkarni's neighbour Madappa to demolish the part of his under-construction building, which violated the Building Bylaws.

Getting enraged over this, Manu, the son of the deceased Kulkarni's neighbor Madappa and his (Manu) friend Varun fatally knocked down R.N.Kulkarni by a car, when the former IB officer was on a routine evening stroll in Manasagangothri campus on Nov.4, 2022. The Police who had initially registered an accident case, later changed it into a murder case after scrutiny of the images captured by CCTV cameras installed in Gangothri campus. The Police arrested the duo in a couple of days of the incident and had filed charge sheet against the accused after a thorough investigation.

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Office-bearers of Saraswathipuram Club

*A group photo of the new office-bearers of Saraswathipuram Club for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25. Sitting from left: **B.P. Puttaswamy (Assistant Secretary), Dr. N. Chowdegowda (Secretary), H. Prafullachandra (President), R.M. Satish (Vice-President) and N.C. Manjunath (Treasurer);** Standing from left: **Directors N. Srinivas, P. Vishakanta, P.V. Manjunath, K.R. Somashekar, Shivanna and H.C. Narasimhan.***

National Quiz Contest on Food Security Mission held at CFTRI

National Champion winning team with CFTRI Director, staff of FPIC, quiz masters and UPL team.

Mysuru, Nov. 4- CSIR - Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, in association with United Phosphorus Ltd. (UPL), had organised National Quiz Contest on "Food Security Mission" on the occasion of World Food Day recently at its IFTTC Auditorium.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, inaugurated the event and spoke about the importance of food security in the country.

She emphasised that India is producing 330 million tonnes of grains and around 12-16 million tonnes are lost annually.

She further encouraged the youngsters to be aware of the food security situation in the country and to be responsible towards minimising food loss.

Ujjawal Kumar, Business Head, UPL Ltd., spoke about the purpose of organising this event. He also insisted on training, awareness creation and education of student community as key stakeholders in the protection and preservation of food commodities.

The chief guests of the event, Dr. Devinder Dhingra, Principal Scientist, ICAR, Head Quarters, New Delhi and Dr. S. Rajendran, UPL Ltd., emphasised on "Food is too good to waste," and valuing our food is a way to preserve food.

Dr. Prakash M. Halami, Head, Food Protectants and Infestation Control (FPIC) Department and Organising Secretary of the event, briefed the activities of FPIC Department in collaboration with UPL, Mumbai in frontier areas of research in grain storage and he pointed out Government schemes like POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) Abhiyaan which aims at combating malnutrition in the country. He also emphasised the need of nutritional security besides food security and Government initiatives on POSHAN MAAH that took place during Sept. 2023.

In the first round of the National Quiz Contest held on July 27, 2023 in different parts of India, 19 teams participated across the country, out of which 5 zonal teams were selected for the next round. The five regional winners were, South Zone (National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Thanjavur), North Zone (Sher-e-Kashmir University, Jammu & Kashmir), West Zone (Junagadh Agriculture University, Junagadh), East Zone (Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) and Central Zone (Institute of Agribusiness Management, Bikaner).

In the final round of National Quiz contest that took place at CFTRI, Mysuru on World Food Day (Oct. 16) between South Zone and East Zone teams. The NIFTEM, Thanjavur team of South Zone consisting of Eleonora Shylla, A. Jamna Sherin and B. Suhan Bheemaiah, students of M.Tech (Food Process Engineering), secured the first position and a cash prize of Rs. 1,05,000 while Banaras Hindu University of East Zone,Varanasi, secured the second place as well as runner up position with a cash prize of Rs. 60,000.

The remaining two regional teams as well as final contestants received Rs. 30,000 each. The event was successful in creating awareness amongst the student community on food storage systems, regulations, Government initiatives in the area and management in the country.

Engineers' Day: MITM staff feted

Mysuru, Nov.4- Maharaja Institute of Technology Mysore (MITM) felicitated the staff who have completed a service tenure of 10 years between Sept.15, 2022 and Sept. 15, 2023 at the institute during the Engineers' Day celebration recently. There were 20 such staff this year and a total of 111 staff have completed a service duration of 10 years or more at the institute. Dr. S. Murali, Chairman, MET, Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Principal, Dr. Mohammed Khaisar, Head of Mechanical Engineering, A.M. Aniruddha, Administrative Officer and HoDs were present.

Strong family system bedrock of healthy society: Mayor

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BCT)- "Family system holds significant importance in fostering a healthy society. In the past, joint families served as the sturdy pillars of a well-organised society. However, today, joint families are gradually disappearing and consequently, social security is on the decline," remarked Mayor Shivakumar.

He was speaking after inaugurating a free food kit distribution and 'vasthradana' event on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Sri Mata Amritanandamayi in city recently. The event was part of the week-long 'Sevanavaram' jointly organised by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, Amrita Kripa Hospital and Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Mysuru.

Elaborating on the significance of the family within the social framework, he emphasised that joint families constitute the cornerstone of an individual's triumphs and challenges. He underscored that these families serve as a vital source of psychological support for individuals.

When discussing the role of mothers, Shivakumar underlined that contemporary mothers must exercise vigilance regarding their children's activities and behaviour. He noted that in today's world, children encounter numerous distractions and temptations, which could often lead them astray. Therefore, he stressed the importance of mothers closely monitoring their children's conduct and actions.

He expressed his concern over the prevalent issues of mobile obsession and drug addiction affecting today's children, with a significant portion of the youth succumbing to these vices. He stressed the need for the comforting embrace of parents and family members and the guiding wisdom of fathers for a healthy upbringing of a child.

As part of the initiative taken by Mata Amritanandamayi to empower women, many skill development courses have been organised. Women who completed these courses were awarded certificates by the Mayor. In addition to this, a 'Mahamrityunjaya Homa' was conducted at the Brahmasthanam Temple for public welfare.

Present during the event were Sri Swaswaroopananda Yathi, Brahmachari Prasadamrita Chaitanya, Head of Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Dr. Vikas Modi, Amrita Kripa Hospital, Brahmachari Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, Prof. G. Ravindranath, Amrita Principal and others.

Community outreach initiatives

As part of 'Sevanavaram' and in collaboration with K.R. Hospital, a blood donation camp was organised in the college premises, during which 71 donors donated blood. Team Amrita conducted a Skill Development Workshop at Government Higher Primary School, Halli Bogadi and distributed notebooks and geometry sets to 6th and 7th grade students.

Students also received lessons in communication skills and actively participated in the workshop that promoted eco-friendly alternatives to plastic, such as crafting chalk pieces and making paper bags. The compassionate outreach efforts were extended to Vruddhashrama in Mysuru, where students and staff distributed groceries and clothing to the residents of the old age home.

'Grantha Mithra'

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham joined hands with Akansha Charitable Trust, Puttur, in collaboration with Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru, for the year-long 'Grantha Mithra' initiative, which was inaugurated at Kalamandira.

This programme aims to provide mentoring and skill-based activities to students in nearby panchayats through their respective libraries, fostering a learning environment that addresses various aspects of personal and professional development.

The project encompasses various activities designed to enhance diverse skills and abilities, promote camaraderie and offer guidance for individual career growth among rural youth.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri and other dignitaries were present.

EVENTS TODAY (NOVEMBER 4)

- **Hosabelaku Ganabalaga Troupe:** Silver Jubilee celebrations, Kannada Rajyotsava and Puneeth Rajkumar memorial programme, retd. IAS Officer & Actor K. Shivaram and Anand Arya chief guests, Jaganmohan Palace auditorium, **4 pm.**
- **Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava - 'Aashwayuja' edition, Bharatanatyam by the disciples of Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy, supported by Vidushi Shruti Prasad, Vidwan Kiran and Srinidhi in the musical ensemble, dance-feature 'Bharata Nrityarpanam' by disciples of Guru Dr. Shobha Shashikumar, Researcher and Founder of Mayuri Nrutyashala, Bengaluru, Bharatanatyam feature 'Nritya Vaibhava' by Vidwan V. Mahesh, Founder of Sri Sharadha Nruthya Kala Shaale, Chamarajanagar, along with his disciples, B. Niranjana Murthy, Educationist and Assistant Director at JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, chief guest, Champaka Sabhangana, Champaka Academy premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-800, story-telling by B. Balakrishnaiah, retd. teacher, State Resource Person, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Heritage House:** 'Ravanayana,' a dance narrative event about the mythological character Ravana, Heritage House, near Fire Brigade, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 98117-75560 or 99729-62868]
- **Rashtra Bharati Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Kannada Habba-2023, Kannada interaction with Dr. Rohinaksha Shirlalu, Professor and Thinker, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, Dr. H.R. Pavithra, Professor and Economist, KSOU, will be present, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Dance by students of Mercy Convent, Kannada Songs by Rashmi Adish and 'Ondu Sanje' by Radio Jockey Avinash, Kalamandira, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Mahipalanandaji speaks on 'Swami Vivekananda - Journey with a Mystic,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), a Cultural Wing of VPAC&C Trust, Mysuru:** 39th edition of Vasundharotsava-2023- an Indian Classical Dance & Music Extravaganza, Kamakshi Devi of Mysore royal family inaugurates, Poorna Devi Kempraj Urs (USA) and former MLA Vasu chief guests, Rtn. PHF M.K. Sridhar, guest of honour, VPAC&C Trust Chairperson Savitha Ramesh presides, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy presents her latest rare choreography in Vasundhara Bani 'Pavanaganga,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 9 pm.** [Mob: 98451-20497]
- **GPIER:** Staging of play 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga,' written by H.S. Shivaprakash, is directed by former Rangayana artiste Mime Ramesh, music by Devanand Varaprasad and M.C. Arun, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 5)

- **Whispers Of Inanimate Beauty:** Still Life Art Exhibition and Sale by M.L. Pavan Kumar, Neralu Belaku Art Gallery Mysore, Coffee City, M.H. Ambarish Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **7 am to 10 pm.**
- **H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga, Mysuru:** Painting Competition for children, Sumasopana Park, Vishwamanava Double Road, **9.30 am to 12.30 pm.** [Mob: 98452-75741]
- **Music Concert:** Vocal concert by Dr. Vidya Raja from Bengaluru, accompanied by Vid. Arunachala Karthik on violin and Vidu. Ranjani S. Venkatesh on mridanga, heritage house of Mysore Vasudevacharya, Agrahara, **10 am to 12 noon.**
- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** Special movie screening as part of Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, film director Dr. Madhusudhan Havaldar special guest, movie 'Sri Jagannathadasaru,' **10 am;** Movie 'Sri Prasanna Venkatadasaru,' Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.** [Free entry; Mob: 72040-43565]
- **Mysuru Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana, Hemaganga Sahitya mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana and Sougandhika Prakashana, Nanjangud:** Book release and Kavigoshti, Siddaligappa Bilagi, senior Haiku and Tanaga poet from Hundagunda, Bagalkot, inaugurates the event and releases the book 'Saptadashi' (collection of haikus) authored by Dr. Saugandhika V. Jois, Ideal Jawa Rotary School premises, JLB Road, **10 am.**
- **Shree Vanamali Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Annual Awards Ceremony 2022-23, conferring of 'Shree Vanamali Samskruti Seva Prashasthi' on Art Historian and Epigraphist Dr. Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat and Sanskrit Scholar Dr. Pierre Sylvain Filliozat couple; 'Padma Shri Dr. Mathoor Krishnamurti Samaja Seva Prashasthi' on T. Ramanjaneya and K.P. Jaya, Founder-couple of 'Sneha Foundation,' in Kudligi, Bellary district; well-known Sanskrit Scholar of Mysuru Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao delivers the felicitation address, renowned senior scholar Nadoja Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry presides, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Rashtra Bharati Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Kannada Habba-2023, elocution contest or school and college students, **10.30 am to 1.30 pm;** Painting Contest, **10.45 am to 1.15 pm;** Final Round of 'Thath anta heli' led by Dr. Na. Someshwar of *Chandana* TV Channel, **2.30 pm to 4.30 pm;** Interaction in Kannada on Kannada language with thinker Narayana Shevire of Hariharapura, English Professor G.S. Devarajegowda will be present, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Cultural programme - songs by Kannada Vaibhava Mysuru Artistes; Felicitation to achievers, Kalamandira, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **DNK Sneha Balaga, Mysuru:** D.N. Krishnamurthy's (DNK) book release and 60th birthday celebrations, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar inaugurates, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha President Ashoka Haranahalli presides, writers Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar, Bannur K. Raju and S. Shivarajappa will release DNK's 'Mahanadi', 'Nyayadarshana' and 'Parikramana,' MLA T.S. Srivatsa felicitates DNK, social worker S.R. Gopalarao delivers felicitation address, Gopalaswamy PU College auditorium, near Nanjumalige Circle, **10.30 am.**
- **Jumbo Circus:** Three shows, Horse Park grounds, behind Mysuru Zoo, **1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Doddakere Maidan, **3 pm to 9 pm.**
- **JSS Prasada Nilayagala Hiriya Vidyarthigala Sangha, Mysuru - Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Students Hostel:** Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 108th Jayanti Mahotsava, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Commissioner N. Jayaram inaugurates, JSS Prasada Nilayagala Hiriya Vidyarthigala Sangha President and retd. DGP L. Revannasiddaiah presides, Hostel premises, **11 am.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC):** 31st International Nirantara Kalemane Festival on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, performance by disciples of Guru Naatyakala Mayuri Uma Maheswari, Artistic Director of Aaradhya School of Fine Arts, Bengaluru; Disciples of Guru Gayathri Balaji & Guru Savithri Vijayakumar, Founder and Director of Abhinaya Group of Performing Arts, Bengaluru; Disciples of Guru Annapoorna Kateel, Bengaluru; Yakshagana performance by Guru Annapoorna Kateel, Bengaluru; Disciples of Guru Harish Raman, Director of Sri Raja Rajeshwari Nritya Kala Mandira, Tumakuru, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **3 pm.**
- **Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru:** Kin-Kini puja (maiden performance) of Aina Somaiah Moovera and Epuru Lakshmi Karthika, disciples of Guru Dr. P.M. Chethana Radhakrishna, K. Harishgowda, MLA, inaugurates, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Chief Paediatrician Dr. Rajeswari Madappa, Director, Sigma Hospital, Mysuru and Vidu. T.S. Sreelakshmi Kumar, Director, Sri Umamaheshwara Nruthya Kala Kshetra, Mysuru, chief guests, Prof. B. Jayaprakash Gowda, President, Karnataka Sangha, Mandya, presides, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Discourse by Swami Yuktheshanandaji, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Kannada Rajyothsava celebrations, felicitation to 2023 Karnataka Rajyotsava awardee Scholar Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bradwaj; Kavya Vaachana of PuTiNa's 'Sri Haricharita' by Vidu. Dharitri Ananadarao and Vyakhyaana by Dr. Kabbinale Vasantha Bharadwaj, **6 pm;** Traditional puppet show (Sutrada Bombe Aata) by team from Hallare village, Nanjangud, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), a Cultural Wing of VPAC&C Trust, Mysuru:** 39th edition of Vasundharotsava-2023 - an Indian Classical Dance & Music Extravaganza, Bharatanatyam by Vid. Sandesh Bhargav (Mysuru), **6.15 pm to 7.15 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Dr. Samyukta K. Urs (USA). Felicitation to Kamakshi Devi and Srikrishna Gana Sabha President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs (Mysuru), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.** [Mob: 98451-20497]
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of unique feminist play 'Project Darling' by Nirdhiganta of Prakash Raj, directed by Sharanya Ramprakash, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **GPIER:** Staging of play 'Manteswamy Katha Prasanga,' written by H.S. Shivaprakash, is directed by former Rangayana artiste Mime Ramesh, music by Devanand Varaprasad and M.C. Arun, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of Chandrashekhar Kambar's plays 'Nayi Kathe' by participants of Subbaiah Naidu and Padma Shri Nagarathnamma Theatre Training Camp, directed by Santhosh Kumar Kusanur; Releasing of camp introduction booklet by 2023 Kannada Rajyotsava awardee P. Gangadharaswamy, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will be present, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.15 pm.**

'Kin-Kini Puja' of Aina Somaiah and Lakshmi Karthika tomorrow

Aina Somaiah Moovera

Epuru Lakshmi Karthika

Mysuru, Nov. 4- 'Kin-Kini Puja' (maiden performance) of Aina Somaiah Moovera and Epuru Lakshmi Karthika, disciples of Guru Dr. P.M. Chethana Radhakrishna, Director, Gurudev Academy of Fine Arts, Mysuru, will be held at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium in city tomorrow (Nov. 5) at 5.30 pm.

K. Harishgowda, MLA, will inaugurate. Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Chief Paediatrician Dr. Rajeshwari Madappa of Sigma Hospital, Mysuru and Vidu. T.S. Sreelakshmi Kumar, Director, Sri Umamaheshwara Nruthya Kala Kshetra, Mysuru, will be the chief guests.

Prof. B. Jayaprakash Gowda, President, Karnataka Sangha, Mandya, will preside.

Profiles

Aina Somaiah Moovera is the daughter of Dr. M.K. Sanju Somaiah and Dr. Shruthi Somaiah. Her brother Taran Ponnappa is an enthusiastic sports person.

Aina is studying in Class 3 at Excel Public School, Mysuru. She was introduced into Bharatanatyam at the age of five.

She has performed Bharatanatyam in Gurudevotsava - Mandya; Chethanotsava - Mysuru; Medini Utsava - Sullia; Natyollasa - Bengaluru; Champaka Rastriya Kalaa Uthsava - Mysuru, etc. She has won first prize in the Bharatanatyam competition conducted by Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, in October 2023.

Aina has completed her Prarambhik Examination in 2022 conducted by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal and is preparing for the Praveshika Pratham Examination this year. Her other interests are badminton and athletics.

Epuru Lakshmi Karthika is the daughter of entrepreneurs Satish Babu Epuru and T. Shivajyothi. Karthika has a younger brother Epuru Mohit Karthikeya Reddy.

Karthika is studying in Class 6 at Excel Public School, Mysuru. She was introduced into Bharatanatyam at the age of five.

She has performed Bharatanatyam in Gurudevotsava - Mandya; Chethanotsava - Mysuru; Medini Utsava - Sullia; Natyollasa - Bengaluru, etc. Karthika has also participated in an International Classical Dance Festival held at Nepal in May 2022 and received Nrityasree Award for her performance.

Karthika has completed her Praveshika Poorna Exam in 2022 conducted by Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya Mandal and is preparing for the Madhyama Pratham Exam.

BHIO bags first prize in Dasara Flower Show Competition

Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO), Mysuru, has won first prize in Hospital Garden (Rose Garden) Category in the Dasara Flower Show Competition organised by Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka. At BHIO rose garden, there are over 1,500 plants with more than 15 varieties of rose flowers. The garden team is led by K.P. Shivaprasad, General Manager, Patient Relations, BHIO, who received the award. Rose Garden team members are also seen in the picture.

WORD OF THE DAY

Eldritch

Pronunciation: EL-dritch.
Meaning: Eldritch describes things that are strange or unnatural, especially in a way that inspires fear. The word is often used as a synonym for eerie.
Origin: Curse, cobweb, witch, ghost, and even Halloween — all of these potentially spooky words have roots in Old English. Eldritch, although less common, is another, hailing from a time when otherworldly beings were commonly thought to inhabit the earth. The word dates back to the 16th century and may have its origin in the Middle English word elfriche, meaning "fairyland." (The two components of elfriche — "elf" and "riche" — come from the Old English words ælf, "elf," and rīce, "kingdom.") Nowadays, eldritch is used to describe things that are eerie, weird, or frightful.
Example: "One of the newer entries on this list is Dredge, which is a cozy game for players who like spooky, eldritch tales of the open sea. It sounds counter-intuitive to combine relaxing gameplay with horror, but it works out well here. You'll catch eerie-looking fish, explore abandoned and sometimes dangerous areas and start dredging treasures from shipwrecks to help a mysterious collector. The joy in Dredge though comes from the casual way it lets you complete your quests and the openness of its world, which is ripe for exploration." — Carli Velocci, CNN, 2 May 2023.

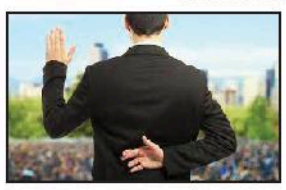
THE ODD WORD

Echoism

The formation of imitative words.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Economical with the truth



Meaning: Conveying an untrue version of events by leaving out the important facts. A euphemism for lying, in short.
Origin: Recorded from the 18th century, although rarely used. It was brought into the contemporary language by the UK Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, who used the phrase during the Australian 'Spycatcher' trial in 1986.
Lawyer: What is the difference between a misleading impression and a lie? Armstrong: A lie is a straight untruth. Lawyer: What is a misleading impression - a sort of bent untruth? Armstrong: As one person said, it is perhaps being "economical with the truth". What Armstrong left out (perhaps he knew but was being economical) was that the 'one person' was Edmund Burke. In 1796 Burke wrote:"Falsehood and delusion are allowed in no case whatsoever: But, as in the exercise of all the virtues, there is an economy of truth."

QUOTE BOX

Threethingscannotbelonghidden:Thesun,themoonandthetruth.—**Buddha**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

iiiii HOCKEY

Answer: Ice hockey.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Mate
4 Please turn over, acronym
7 A sleeveless garment worn by Arabs
10 Flows back
12 Fuel in liquid form
13 Eccentric shafts
15 Defer
17 Taxis in America
18 Rowing implement
19 Underneath
20 Mistake
23 Divisible by two
25 Vendetta
26 Riff-raff
29 Teletype setter, in short
30 Polynesian food
31 Animal house
33 Wrapping for a corpse
36 Grape brandy
37 Brink of border
38 Junior trainee
39 Emblem or sign; indication
42 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
43 Mine, in Aix
44 Subjects of a country
49 James Bond's foe (2,2)
50 Girl's name
51 Individually
52 Even, contracted by a poet ?
53 Direct to home, abbr.
54 Nursery item

DOWN

1 Football manager __ Guardiola
2 Blood-classification system
3 Pounds
4 Needy
5 Symbolically "Sn" for the chemist
6 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
7 Enunciation, intonation or pronunciation
8 A false biblical god
9 Ancient church desk
11 Rose
14 Opp. direction to NNE
16 Golfer's score
19 Implore
20 Newt
21 Soaks flex or hemp in water
22 Hurry
23 Destroy gradually
24 Virtuoso guitarist Steve ___
27 Ex-India all-rounder Kirti ___
28 Clinton's VP
30 Small stocky dog
32 Tenth month, in short
34 Area or locality?
35 Lyric poem
36 American corn
38 Greek X
39 Not good
40 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
41 Completed
42 Egyptian deity
44 Food regurgitated by a ruminant
45 Integer, in short?
46 Consume food
47 Non-commissioned Officer, acronym
48 Hesitant, disinclined or averse

THURSDAY'S ANSWER

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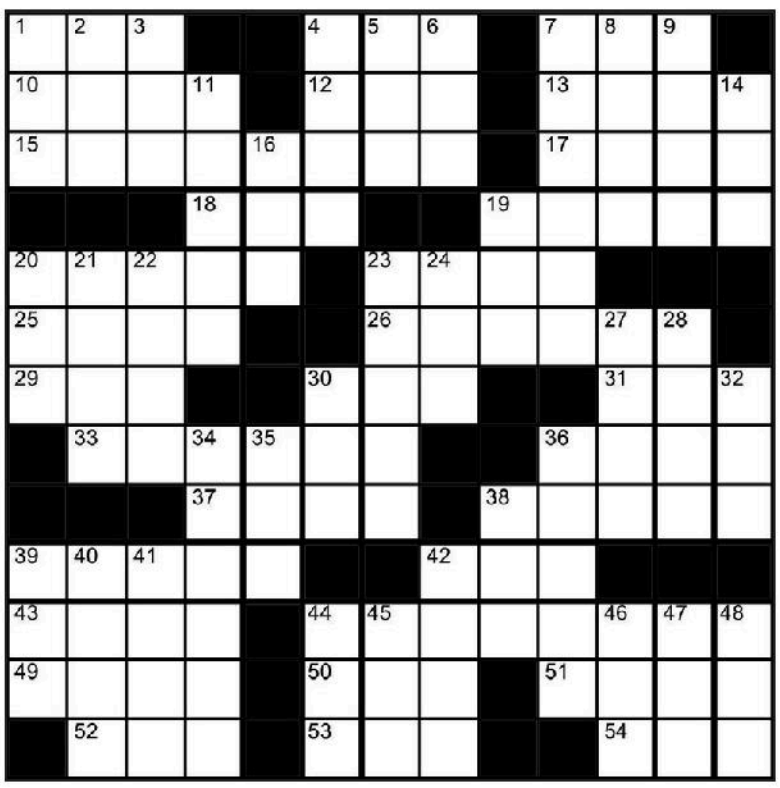

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	6	5	3	4	2	7	8	1
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1	8	3	7	9	6	2	5	4
5	2	6	4	1	3	8	7	9
7	9	1	6	8	5	3	4	2
4	3	8	9	2	7	5	1	6
3	7	4	5	6	9	1	2	8
8	1	9	2	7	4	6	3	5
6	5	2	1	3	8	4	9	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

R SI SO RUMSXRBZ. R UPO'Z HOPN NCMYM

R'I TPROT LJZ R'I PO IK NSK.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS G

Thursday's Cryptoquip: Silly things do cease to be silly if they are done by sensible people in an impudent way.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
Leo (K) - 2 Shows; *Leo (Ta)* - 2 Shows

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
Ghost (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre Mob: 99008-20093
Bhagavanth Kesari (Te) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Bhavapoorna (K) - 2 Shows; *Leo (Ta)* - 2 Shows

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Tiger Nageswara Rao (Te) - 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre Ph: 2452958
Leo (Ta) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199
Yaariyan 2 (H) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre Mob: 98454-14691
TRP Rama (K) - 2 Shows; *Garuda Purana (K)* - 2 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
Maa Oori Polimera 2 (Te) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre Ph: 2520494
Tagarupalya (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm; (S-4) 10.00 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Ghost (K)	(S-1)	9.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.40 am, 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
Garuda Purana (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
UT 69 (H)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
Keeda Cola (Te)	(S-2)	7.15 pm, 9.45 pm
12th Fail (H)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 7.00 pm
Crazy Keerthy (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Garudan (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Cycle Savari (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Crazy Keerthy (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Garuda Purana (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Basrikatte (K)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm; (S-3) 1.30 pm, 7.00 pm
Leo (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Ghost (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 6.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Aankh Micholi (H)	:	9.20 am, 1.15 pm, 10.00 pm
UT 69 (H)	:	10.20 am, 6.20 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.25 am, 12:25 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	10.35 am, 3.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	11.35 am, 6.00 pm, 10:15 pm
Taylor Swift: Eras Tour (E)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Basrikatte (K)	:	1.00 pm
Ghost (K)	:	1.45 pm, 3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Keedaa Cola (Te)	:	3.40 pm
TRP Rama (K)	:	4.40 pm
Maa Oori Polimera 2 (Te)	:	6.25 pm
Bhavapoorna (K)	:	7.30 pm
Garudan (Ma)	:	9.00 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Leo (Ta)	:	12.05 pm, 3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.15 pm
Ghost (K)	:	12.55 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Crazy Keerthy (K)	:	3.35 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Shastry Viruddh Shastry (H)	:	6.15 pm

Feminist play 'Project Darling' at Natana Rangashale on Nov. 5

It brings to fore Kannada Rangabhoomi's women performers back into our cultural history

Mysuru, Nov. 4 (BCT)- Acclaimed theatre writer, artiste and director, Sharanya Ramprakash, will present 'Project Darling,' a unique feminist play on Nov. 5 at 6.30 pm at Natana Rangashale in Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru.

This innovative 100-minute Kannada play embarks on a captivating journey with a group of performers in search of their roots and ancestry, tracing the legacy of women performers who laid the foundation for their work.

The play is supported by India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) research grant, the reFrame Genderalities Fellowship and has been developed at Nirdigantha, an incubation centre for theatre, founded by multilingual actor Prakash Raj.

About the play

In their quest to unearth their artistic heritage, the performers encounter a remarkable figure known as Khanavali Chenni, who once commanded the stage with her uproarious double entendre dialogues and suggestive humour. As they strive to locate the actress who portrayed Chenni, they cross paths with other actresses, each with their own compelling narratives to share.

Will this ensemble of performers succeed in their quest to find Chenni? How will their search culminate and what secrets will they unearth along the way?

'Project Darling' delves into the realm of female sexuality, navigating the intricate intersection of censorship and culture.

Two-year research project

This play draws inspiration from a meticulous two-year research project conducted by its director, Sharanya Ramprakash. The play seamlessly blends research findings with fictional elements to bridge gaps in the historical record.

'Project Darling' weaves together video testimonials, photo-essays and immersive soundscapes derived from this research, combining them with song, dance, puppetry and clowning.

The performance's overarching objective is to reintegrate the women performers of the Kannada Rangabhoomi back into our cultural history, on their terms.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Sharanya said that the play employs certain German post-dramatic and modern techniques. "It fiercely probes hypocrisy, the binary of good and bad when it comes to the female body and sexuality. We always want women to play the ideal housewife or daughter-in-law on stage, but off-stage she is a victim of discrimination, bigotry and violence. The play exposes these double standards," she said.

The play explores how these women of bygone eras exuded strength and courage and became famous in a world of male dominance, where female voices were deliberately hushed.

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Ghost (K)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am, 4.20 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	12.35 pm; (S-4) 1.55 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-2)	12.55 pm; (S-3) 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Leo (K)	(S-3)	6.05 pm
T.R.P Rama (K)	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Keedaa Cola (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 am, 3.25 pm
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